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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - ONE-STOP INCLUSIVE TOUR CHARTERS

REF: ROME 16960 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED CIVILAVIA ONE-STOP INCLUSIVE TOUR CHARTER (OTC) POLICY ON NOVEMBER 21 AND AGAIN ON NOVEMBER 22 WITH CIVILAVIA REP SITAJOLO (CHIEF, AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES AND DEPUTY TO DIRECTOR GENERAL MOCI). WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT CIVILAVIA REGULATIONS ON INCLUSIVE TOUR CHARTERS SPECIFY NEITHER A MAXIMUM NOR A MINIMUM NUMBER OF STOPS, SITAJOLO SAID ON APPLICATION (REFTEL) WAS REFUSED BECAUSE AN OTC IS NOT AN INCLUSIVE TOUR CHARTER UNQTE. HE INDICATED THAT, TO QUALIFY UNDER CIVILAVIA REGULATIONS, THE INCLUSIVE TOUR CHARTER MUST HAVE SOME INTERMEDIATE STOP. COMMENT: INTERMEDIATE STOP REQUIREMENT IS NOT RPT NOT INCLUDED IN EXISTING CIVILAVIA REGULATIONS.

2. EMBASSY RAISED THIS MATTER WITH MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) REP FIACCADORI (DIRECTOR, CIVAIR AFFAIRS) ON NOVEMBER 22. AFTER CLOSELY EXAMINING CIVILAVIA'S INCLUSIVE TOUR CHARTER REGULATIONS, FIACCADORI SAID HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE BASIS FOR CIVILAVIA'S REFUSAL OF ONE'S APPLICATION FOR A SERIES OF OTCS. HE SAID HE WOULD CONTACT CIVILAVIA ON NOVEMBER 24 TO SEEK AN EXPLANATION AS TO WHY AN OTC IS NOT AN INCLUSIVE TOUR CHARTER WITHIN THE MEANING OF CIVILAVIA'S CURRENT REGULATIONS.

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3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER CURRENT CAB CHARTER REGULATIONS WOULD PERMIT AN INCLUSIVE TOUR CHARTER NEW YORK-ROME-NEW YORK WITH ONE QTE INTERMEDIATE STOP UNQTE. IT SUCH A TWO-STOP INCLUSIVE TOUR CHARTER IS NOW PERMISSABLE, WHAT IS MINIMUM STAY REQUIRED FOR THE QTE INTERMEDIATE STOP UNQTE UNDER CAB REGULATIONS. (CIVILAVIA REGULATIONS ARE SILENT ON LENGTH OF STAY AT ANY ONE STOP, BUT DO REQUIRE SIX NIGHTS MINIMUM FOR ENTIRE TRIP.) BEAUDRY

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